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IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY BY REV THOMAS NEWMAN CONTAINED
REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS DETERMINED THAT ASOR ARTIFACTS ARE
STILL IN TENT ON LOCATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN TEAM
SITE PENDING CERTIFICATION OF ASOR RESEARCH CENTER IN
KHERREDINE. DURING LAST NEWMAN VISIT BOTH EMBASSY AND
LOCAL ASOR REPRESENTATIVE LAWRENCE HUR UNDERSTOOD THAT
NEWMAN HAD OBTAINED SOME SORT OF UNDERSTANDING ON THESE
QUESTIONS WITH BECHAOUCH OF TUNISIAN INSTITUTE OF ART AND
ARCHEOLOGY BUT WERE NOT FULLY INFORMED. HUR SAYS HE
UNAWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN STATUS OF CERTIFICATION. IF
NEWMAN WISHES FURTHER APPROACH TO APPROPRIATE TUNISIAN
OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME, HE SHOULD SO INFORM HUR WITH
BACKGROUND OF AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED WITH BECHAOUCH.
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